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FOLLOWING REPEAT LUSAKA 1083 SENT ACTION SECSTATE
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LUANDA, JUNE 2ND:

QUOTE S E C R E T LUSAKA 1083

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE TO MEET WITH FRELIMO IN LUSAKA

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM FROM AMBASSADOR

1. PRESIDENT'S ADVISOR MARK CHONA TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR AT 1000, SUNDAY, JUNE 2 TO SAY FRELIMO WOULD ANNOUNCE BY MIDDAY THAT TALKS WITH PORTUGUESE WOULD OPEN IN LUSAKA ON OR ABOUT JUNE 5 WITH ARRIVAL HERE OF PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES. UNDERSTAND ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPENING OF TALKS TO BE MADE BY FRELIMO LEADER SAMORA MACHEL UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN LUSAKA THIS MORNING.

2. IN VIEW OF THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT, REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON ANY CONTEMPLATED CHANGES IN US POLICY RE DISCREET CONTACTS WITH LEADERS OF LIBERATION GROUPS GOING BEYOND GUIDELINES LAID DOWN IN PADM 52. WE CAN CONTINUE TO PURSUE CONTACTS AT WORKING LEVEL AND UP TO DCM LEVEL HERE, BUT BELIEVE TIME IS FAST APPROACHING WHEN WE SHOULD BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT FUTURE AND WHAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE SET OF CONDITIONS FOR MAKING HIGHEST LEVEL CONTACTSM SHOULD WE

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CONTINUE TO RELY ON SECOND-HAND (THROUGH CHONA) AND SECOND-ECHELON

(THROUGH LOCAL FRELIMO REP) INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS
CHARACTER AND THINKING OF SAMORA MACHEL? INSTINCTIVELY WE DO
NOT RPT NOT THINK TIME IS YET RIPE, BUT PROPITIOUS MOMENT MAY COME AT
CONCLUSION OF FIRST ROUND OF SOARES-MACHEL TALKS IN LUSAKA NEXT
WEEK. IF IT IS, WE SHOULD WE READY TO LEARN FROM PARTICIPANTS
DIRECTLY REGARDING NATURE AND OUTCOME OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS.
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